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Sch. Mary F. Curtis Made Another Fine Stock.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, Capt. Henry F. Curtis, stocked \$2100 on her fine haddock trip landed at T wharf yesterday, the crew sharing \$56.80 clear.

On her previous trip the craft stocked \$1500. The sum of \$3600 stocked on two successive quick haddock trips is certainly "going some" and Capt. Curtis' many friends are more than pleased to see him getting a nice slice of the good fortune which is coming the way of the off-shore fleet this season.

Pollock Trip Stocked \$1400.

The skipper of the Marion Turner was rather non-committal Monday as to the location where he struck the fish, but it was probably somewhere in the vicinity of Boon Island. As a result of the trip, the schooner stocked in the neighborhood of \$1400. The Turner has quite a reputation in the pollock fishery, having last season landed over 400,000 pounds inside of six weeks, the result of four trips. Fish then were very cheap, but now owing to the great scarcity they are in good demand, with prices high. The crew shared \$80 to a man on the fare landed Monday.

Strike May Cripple Shipping.

The greatest maritime strike in history is expected to be ordered by delegates to the convention of the International Congress of Seamen who will meet at Antwerp, March 14. This will call out 2,000,000 men and cripple shipping all over the world. The only hope of averting the great strike is a proposition from the International Shipping Federation of Employers. It is understood that they have one to make, but that it is not satisfactory to the employees.

Cheaper Fish Displeases Sucker Fishermen.

The decrease in the price of fish is not pleasing to the sucker fisheries of the North, as it means a less demand for rough fish. Built up from nothing, the sucker industry of northern Michigan has grown to such an extent that tons of these scaleless scavengers are shipped each year, the greater part of them going to New York city. The fish are billed as "No. 2 white-fish."

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CANADIAN OPINION DIVIDED.

Anti-Reciprocity Resolution to be Introduced in Legislature.

The reciprocity agreement was indorsed, loyalty to Great Britain affirmed, annexation scouted, the development of Canada proclaimed and friendship between farmer and manufacturer recommended to Canada in the House of Commons yesterday by Sir Wilfrid Laurier, prime minister of the Dominion, in the first speech he has delivered in the reciprocity debate. His views against annexation and for good relations were especially emphasized.

Sir James Whitney, premier of Ontario, Monday gave notice that he would move an anti-reciprocity resolution in the Ontario legislature on Wednesday or Thursday. The resolution recites that the interests of the province of Ontario, in the opinion of the house, would be injuriously affected should the reciprocity agreement come into force.

In an address delivered before the members of Boston fruit and produce exchange yesterday morning at their rooms in the Quincy market building, Speaker Joseph Walker of the house of representatives expressed the hope that he would soon see the ratification of the treaty with Canada.

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FIRST MACKEREL OF THE SEASON.

The first fresh mackerel of the season has been heard from.

It was caught at Washington, North Carolina, and was shipped to Wilson & Barry, Fulton Market, New York, where it arrived this noon.

It was sold to Blackford's big market and is now occupying a prominent place on one of the show stalls.

Make on your seines!

Daily Snowfall on Georges.

Captains who have been long in the fishing business have been surprised at the heavy snow fall this winter on Georges. Capt. Michael Powers of sch. Benjamin F. Phillips at T wharf yesterday said that in all his 18 years fishing there he never knew such a winter. Every day for weeks there has been a snow fall, and also nearly every night, and many of the storms have been accompanied by gales and many times the snow has been so heavy that it was impossible to see any distance. The cold also has been greater than in former years, and to this and the chilling of the water by the continuous falls of snow the captains attribute the absence of the cod from their usual spring haunts.

More Good Haddock Stocks.

Sch. Ingomar, Capt. Horace Wildes, stocked \$1687 as the result of her haddock trip landed here yesterday, the crew sharing \$40.75.

Sch. Valerie, Capt. Albert Larkin, stocked \$1550 on her haddock trip landed here yesterday.

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SEVEN TRIPS AT T WHARF.

ENTIRE FISH RECEIPTS THIS MORNING WILL NOT EXCEED 50,000 POUNDS.

Yesterday, after our reports, three of the little shore boats came up to T wharf and quickly took out what few fish they had. This morning the dealers found but seven crafts at the pier with fish, all market boats, and only 50,000 pounds of fish in the whole lot.

Sch. Genesta, with 20,000 pounds of fish, nearly half of which are haddock, will make a banner stock.

Haddock sold at \$5 and \$7.10 and large cod brought the same figures. Hake went at from \$4 to \$7 and pollock stuck to the four dollar mark.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Mary Edith, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod, 2500 hake, 3500 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, 2000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Genesta, 9000 haddock, 2000 cod, 6000 hake, 3000 cusk.

Sch. Harriet, 5500 haddock, 500 cod.

Sch. Jeanette, 6000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Margaret S. McKenzie, 2000 cod.

Sch. Marion, 500 cod.

Sch. Mary Emerson, 2000 cod.

Sch. Motor, 1000 haddock, 1000 cod.

Sch. Sylvester, 900 cod.

Haddock, \$5 to \$7.10 per cwt.; large cod, \$5 to \$7.10; market cod, \$4; hake, \$4 to \$7; cusk, \$2; pollock, \$4.

HAS NEW SCHOONER BUILDING.

Capt. John J. Carroll Successful on the Pacific Coast.

Capt. John J. Carroll, who left here some months ago, to try his fortunes of the Pacific coast, has got along first rate. He went as hand on one of the halibut steamers, to get the hang of how the fishery was conducted there, and also engage for a time in buying halibut from the boats at an Alaskan port for one of the big halibut companies.

He is now having a gasoline auxiliary schooner built for him and as soon as she is completed, will take command of her and engage in halibut- ing from Seattle.

Fulton Fish Market Notes.

There was not any great demand for fish in the salt water fish market last week. Wholesale men were disappointed because the volume of business did not come up to their expectations.

On Tuesday preceding Ash Wednesday the demand was fairly good. Business on Wednesday is usually fair; that of this week showed a falling off. Thursday's business may be classed as medium.

There was little fluctuation in prices. Nearly all green fish was scant, as far as the supply was concerned, and high in price.

Frozen fish was in fair demand and sold at prices that were somewhat lower than those prevailing during the last three weeks.

Codfish were scarce and high during the entire week. Steakfish brought 10 to 11 cents from Tuesday on. The first two days of the week steakfish was one cent per pound cheaper. Market codfish sold at 6 to

7 cents during the entire week. Haddock brought 5 to 6 cents. There were no hake.

Pollock was in demand and those who wanted it had to pay higher prices for it than at any previous time this season. On Saturday it sold at 6 to 7 cents and on Monday one cent per pound was added to the quotation. During the remainder of the week the price was 8 to 9 cents per pound.—New York Fishing Gazette.

Sch. James and Esther Sold.

D. Sherman Tarr and Capt. Charles O'Neil have sold sch. James and Esther to Capt. Richard J. Nunan of Cape Porpoise, Me., and Capt. Charles McKay, formerly of sch. Flavilla. The latter will now take command of sch. James and Esther and engage in the market fishery.

New Vessels Ready for Launching.

The new sch. Eleanor DeCosta is ready for launching at Tarr & James' yard. Sch. Jorgina at A. D. Story's yard is also ready, and, had the weather permitted, both would have been launched Monday. Both will belong to the Boston fleet.

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DISSATISFIED ON HAGUE AWARD.

CANADIAN POLITICIANS CLAIM THEIR CASE WAS POORLY PRESENTED.

In the Canadian house of commons, Monday, Hon. L. P. Brodeur resumed the adjourned debate upon the omission of the Bay of Fundy from the case submitted to The Hague tribunal. He contended that Great Britain would have lost the case anyhow on account of concessions made in the past. He laid great stress upon the terms of the Chamberlain-Bayard treaty which did not interfere with the claims of American fishermen to fish in the Bay of Fundy.

R. L. Borden expressed his satisfaction with the fact that Great Britain and the United States had submitted their difficulties to arbitration and hoped that in the future this method might be followed. At the same time he believed that a more comprehensive and satisfactory award could have been secured.

He said that Canada has not presented a strong contention in the matter of Great Britain's sovereignty over territorial waters of Canada. Nothing more had been claimed than that the Canadian government had power to make reasonable regulations respecting the fisheries. This had been upheld, but the practical result was that the United States could require an international board of experts to pass upon the reasonableness of any regulations Canada might make. It would have been much better to have asked for and obtained a plain statement as to its sovereignty.

"The right to regulate," said Mr. Brodeur, "has in effect, passed from Canada and Newfoundland to a foreign tribunal which would undoubtedly deal with such a question in a spirit of compromise and cut something out of any code of regulations, however reasonable."

"Had the Canadian case been properly presented, Canada and Newfoundland, in possession of the bait supply, would have held the key to the situation and could have insisted upon the free admission of fish into the markets of the United States without any recourse to a reciprocity arrangement."

Replying to Mr. Brodeur's argument based on the Chamberlain-Bayard treaty, Mr. Brodeur pointed out that Canada's concessions as to the Bay of Fundy had been secured by concessions as to all the other bays made by the United States.

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Sch. Cavalier Resumes Trips.

Completely rigged and resparred with new sails, sch. Cavalier, which was dismasted on the passage home from the Grand Banks and the story of whose finding and bringing in by the revenue cutter Androscooggin is familiar to all, sailed today on a fresh halibut trip, with Capt. Robert B. Porper, as usual, in command.

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NEWFOUNDLAND BAY FISHERIES.

Premier Morris Sees Development Through Cold Storage Agreement.

Sir Edward Morris, premier of Newfoundland, recently made a very lengthy speech in the Newfoundland legislature in favor of the resolution calling for the adoption of the so-called Lord Trefethen agreement, for the erection of cold storage plants, etc., at points on the island. In the course of his remarks he said:

"This company will not devote themselves entirely to codfish. We have in this country as fine halibut grounds as in any country. They are not in any particular district; they are all over the island, and all up through the Straits of Belle Isle, right down to Labrador, and we know as little about them as we do about the fishery in Mars. Our fishermen have never engaged in this fishery except to a very small extent, though it pays the fishermen of Gloucester to come here year after year and prosecute the halibut fishery to the extent of half a million dollars practically in sight of our very doors."

This remark of the Premier is very interesting reading here in view of the fact that before The Hague Tribunal, one of the strongest contentions was (and it was put by Sir James Winter and other lawyers on the British side) that the Americans did no fishing on the west coast of Newfoundland, except for herring in some of the bays, for the reason that there were no fish there to be caught. Sir

James Winter was most emphatic in his statement on the subject. Now the Premier is here reported as saying, referring to halibut grounds, "they are all over the island."

Continuing, the Premier said: "Then take our herring fishery. Only the other day the herring fishery at Bay of Islands closed and we shipped away some 80,000 barrels of herring, of which 60,000 went to the United States. And what did our people profit from this? About \$1.25 a barrel, or, at the highest figure probably about \$100,000. If these herring could have been cured and smoked and boxed, the value would probably have doubled; but as it is we are now supplying the smoke house at Gloucester, and providing work for the men who make boxes in Gloucester."

"What we want to do and what this bill will enable us to do is to construct some smoke house in Bay of Islands, Notre Dame Bay, Fortune Bay, the home of herring, and Placentia Bay, and let Newfoundland take her proper place in the great herring industry of the world. There is no doubt, Mr. Chairman, as to the value and quality of our herring, but the misfortune has been that from the very moment we take the herring out of the net we begin the work of lessening their value. It is a very sad reflection that today, in Chicago, Scotch herring are selling at \$13 a barrel, and a barrel of Newfoundland herring will not sell for more than \$4, even though it is of better quality."

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EARLY MACKEREL FLEET SMALL.

Great Uncertainty as to Vessels Which Will Sail.

No Movement Yet Made Towards Fitting Out Crafts.

The report of the arrival of the first mackerel of the season at Fulton Market, New York, has naturally awakened talk of the southern mackerel seining fleet and the crafts of which it will probably be composed.

Unless all signs fail, it is safe to say the early fleet this season will be the smallest for years. Here it is almost time for some of the vessels to be fitting and as yet not a blow has been struck, although some will start in next week with the intention of sailing about March 20. Beside this there is a great deal more uncertainty than usual as to what crafts and skippers will go early.

Quite a number of the captains are figuring on not going early this season, but to fit out for one long trip, to include the Cape Shore, and go south on the start about the middle of April and later.

The first crafts to start in will be sch. Ralph L. Hall, Capt. Frank H. Hall; sch. Cantonia, Capt. Ralph Weber, and sch. Arthur James, Capt.

Archibald Devine. These will be the advance guard.

Among the others whom it is fairly safe to include in the early fleet are Capt. Wallace Parsons in sch. Saladin, Capt. John Matheson in sch. Monarch, Capt. Douglass McLean in sch. Pinta, Capt. Almon D. Mallock in either sch. Indiana or Alert, Capt. John W. McFarland in sch. Victor, Capt. Lemuel Firth in sch. Sylvania and Capt. James McLean in sch. Diana.

Capt. Charles Maguire is booked to go, and also Capt. Reuben Cameron, both in vessels from the Orlando Merchant concern. Capt. John A. McKinnon is going in sch. Aloha, but may not go early. Capt. Rufus McKay in sch. Patricia will be among the early ones, however, and Capt. Norman Ross, Capt. George C. Hamor and Capt. William Bissert are also figured to go early.

Should these early crafts strike good fishing, it would quickly start a large fleet getting ready as soon as possible, but the present outlook is that the fleet going to the southward this coming season to seine mackerel will be smaller than for several years.

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HARBOR BARE OF VESSELS.

SHORE BOATS AND POLLOCKERS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF GOOD FISH DAY.

The harbor has a rather bare appearance this morning, as all the shore boats and the pollock seiners have gone out and there have been no arrivals. Sch. Ida S. Brooks has about 3000 pounds of fresh fish on board and will probably take them out today.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are: Sch. Ida S. Brooks, shore 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Mindora, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, shore, 800 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, shore, 2800 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Hope, shore, 1400 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, shore, 1000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Nomad, shore, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Ingomar, haddocking.

Sch. Valerie, haddocking.

Sch. Richard, haddocking.

Sch. Mary F. Curtis, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Cooney, haddocking.

Sch. Flora J. Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Emily Sears, haddocking.

Sch. Fitz A. Oakes, haddocking.

Sch. Valentina, haddocking.

Sch. Yankee, haddocking.

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting.

Sch. Eglantine, Georges handlining.

Sch. Grayling, Georges, handlining.

Sch. Mabel D. Hines, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Annie M. Parker, salt trawl banking.

Sch. Alice R. Lawson, salt trawl banking.

And all the pollock seining fleet.

Today's Fish Market.

Georges handline salt cod, \$5.55 for large and \$5.00 for medium.

Georges handliner halibut, 13 1-2 cents per lb. for white, 11 cts. for medium gray and 9 cents for large gray.

Bank halibut 13 1/2 c per lb., for white and 11c for gray, with the heads off. Salt cusk, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$2.

Salt haddock, \$2 per cwt.

Salt hake, \$2 per cwt.

Salt pollock, \$2 per cwt.

Splitting prices for fresh fish:

Codfish, large, \$2.50 per cwt.; medium, \$1.80; snappers, 80c.

Cusk, large, \$1.75 per cwt.; medium, \$1.30; snappers 50c.

Haddock, \$1.30 per cwt.; hake, \$1.30 per cwt.; dressed pollock, \$1.30 per cwt.; round pollock, \$1.20 per cwt.

PORT OF GLOUCESTER.

Coastwise Arrivals.

Sch. Little Elsie, Boston for Portland.

Belgium Feeding Soldiers on Fish.

Belgium is making an extensive experiment in feeding her soldiers on fish, or at all events in providing them with fish meals, by which, it is said, a saving is effected of about 12,000 francs a week, fish being cheaper than flesh. The innovation is by no means agreeable to the fleshers and the agricultural interests, and it appears that the soldiers themselves are not quite satisfied, according to the English "Fish Trades Gazette." Their objections, however, are not to the fish as fish, but to the way they are cooked for them and the sparing supply of sauce which helps to make the fish more palatable. The fish are cooked in the ordinary utensils employed for meat, and this, it is asserted, destroys their flavor. There is an old Flemish saying that a fish should swim thrice, once in the water, once in the sauce and once in the stomach; but in this case the sauce is at fault.

A German journal, in referring to the matter, says if Belgium can save 12,000 francs a week by feeding her soldiers partly on fish, Germany in the same way might save 18 times as much, as the army is 18 times larger, or something like 11,000,000 francs in a year, sufficient in a year or two to furnish another Dreadnought.

SCH. HARVARD HAD HARD TRIP.

Captain Says Weather Was the Worst in His Experience.

Capt. Hans Nelson of sch. Harvard, one of the Georges handline fleet of this port, was at Portland, Tuesday, to land some fresh halibut, reports the weather on this trip as about the worst he ever experienced, and he has been fishing for 30 years. Constant gales and heavy seas interfered badly with the fishing. While on the trip lost two anchors and 60 fathoms of cable, but he fortunately had two more anchors on board. On arrival at Portland the skipper telephoned Orlando Merchant, the owner, of the vessel and a spare anchor was sent down to him.

Capt. Nelson says the night of February 20 was the worst he ever saw at sea, a howling blizzard with thick snow and a terrific sea running, the decks being badly washed all night. Of the fleet of Gloucester vessels on the banks in company with the Harvard hardly one but had lost anchors, some of them losing all three, and being obliged to come away in order to reef.

The craft will return to the banks from Portland, to continue her trip.

The Portland Argus says that the 4000 pounds of halibut which the Harvard landed were bought by the J. W. Trefethen Company at 13 cents per pound for white, and 10 1/2 cents for gray.

Inspection of Maine Sardine Pack.

An emergency measure providing for the inspection of the Maine sardine pack in accordance with the Maine pure food and drugs act, has been introduced in the House of Representatives by Representative Pattangall of Waterville who at once moved that it be tabled for printing.

The bill provides for permits to be issued by the director of the Maine agricultural experiment station on payment of \$250 fee, for rigid inspection during the packing season and for a fine of \$500 for each day's pack made in an uninspected and unlicensed factory. Being an emergency measure under the initiative and referendum provisions of the constitution the bill will require the affirmative vote of two-thirds of all members elected in both branches, to secure a passage.

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Newfoundland Herring News.

The recent issue of the Bay of Islands, N. F., Western Star has the following herring items:

N. Fisher is now loading a carload of herring at Corlier Brook.

Herring have again struck in at Middle Arm. One crew took over a hundred barrels last week.

Nearly \$12,000 have been spent at Bay of Islands for herring since navigation closed; the Gloucester buyers alone averaged over \$3000 each.

Last week herring were hauled from Wood's Island to Curling, a distance of over 12 miles, and loaded on board railway cars.

The American combination shipped 22 carloads of herring from Curling to Port aux Basques and Clement & Co. shipped six carloads, making in all 28 carloads in one month.

During the fishing season just closed, 70 American vessels took away from Bay of Islands and Bonne bay 73,276 barrels of herring, as against 74,276 barrels taken away up to corresponding date the previous season.

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Non-Sinkable Fishermen's Dories.

The new non-sinkable fishermen's dories now coming into use on vessels fishing on the Newfoundland coast have several ingenious features. Four water tight compartments, located under the bow, stern and cross seats, keep the staunch little craft afloat, and provide receptacles for the storage of clothing, food and water. Water-tight port holes in the top of the seats and on the outside bottom of the boats give access to the food and water tanks, while two false keels are provided with hand-holds as an aid to the men clinging to the bottom in case the boat capsizes.